

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 1969.

AT 7.30 p.m.

Present

Miss M.I.Fletcher, Mr.A.H.Bowler, Mr.S.Eggleston,
 Mr.G.A.Hawes and Mr.B.Moore.

Attending by invitation was Mr.Young from the County
 Highways Department, Mr.Branston, County Council
 Representative, Mr.Rushby and Mr.Betts represented
 the Burton Ratepayers Association.

Apology

Apology for non-attendance through illness was
 received from the Chairman, Mr.D.M. Lawson.

Chairman

In Mr. Lawson's absence the chair was taken by
 the Vice - Chairman Mr. Mr.G.A.Hawes.

On opening the meeting, the chairman explained
 that the Parish Council had received verbal information
 of proposed alterations by the County Council to the
 centre of the village.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear from Mr. Young
 details of these proposals and to enable the Parish
 Council to comment on them.

Mr. Moore asked why no official notification of the
 proposed alterations had been given to the Parish Council.
 In reply Mr. Young stated that the County Council did not
 notify Parish Councils of proposed Highways schemes.

From the map which was on display it was indicated
 that the proposed alterations consisted of straightening
 out the B676 in the vicinity of the village square and
 involving the demolition of Mr. Wheeler's and Mr.Grudgings
 property.

Mr. Moore stated that this would result in speeding
 up of the traffic through the village and would not solve
 the problem of the dangerous crossing from Barrow road
 to Seymour road. Mr. Moore suggested a roundabout in
 the village square would solve the problem.

Mr. Bowler thought that to construct a roundabout
 suitable for large vehicles would involve the demolition

of more property than was already proposed, thus spoiling the character of the village. Mr. Bowler suggested that traffic lights would solve the dangerous crossing problem.

Mr. Branston explained that the installation of traffic lights depended on the hourly traffic flow through the village. A traffic census had been taken and the required flow of 300 vehicles per hour had not been reached.

Mr. Branston also explained that the proposed scheme was by no means finalised, and the County Council had been negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Wheeler's property since 1967.

Mr. Young explained the original plan was the demolition of Mr. Wheeler's property only and so far this had not been resolved.

Mr. Betts emphasized that the concern of the village was the dangerous crossing in the square and the preservation of the character of the centre of the village.

The chairman asked Mr. Young if he would keep the Parish Council informed through Mr. Branston of any further development. Mr. Young agreed to do this.

Mr. Moore asked if the Parish Council could have an accurate plan of the proposed alterations. Mr. Young stated that the County Council intended to make a survey and draw up a plan, it would be possible to view this at County Hall.

This concluded the discussion on proposed alterations and the chairman thanked Mr. Young and Mr. Branston for attending the meeting.

Owing to the time taken up with this discussion it was agreed to leave the reading of the previous Minutes and the correspondence to the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.


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